

DEC 18 2003

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
 Serial No.: 09/881,499  
 Filing Date: June 14, 2001  
 Applicant(s): MASON, et al.  
 Title: LAY-IN CEILING SPEAKER

Group Art Unit: 2643  
 Examiner: Ni, Suhani  
 Atty. Docket: 34549.103

# 11  
 1/15/03  
 TRL

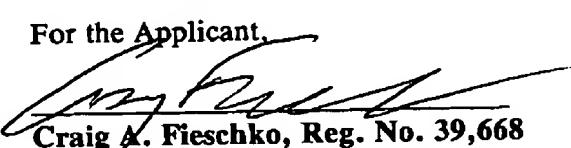
**TRANSMITTAL OF ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION  
 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS), WITH STATEMENT  
 (37 CFR §1.97(c); MPEP 609)**

(IDS Submitted After First Action or Submission Deadline for National Application,  
 But Prior To Final Action or Notice of Allowance)

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

The form PTO-1449 transmitted herewith cites references noted in a communication dated December 3, 2003 from the European Patent Office (in a foreign filing parallel to the above-noted application). If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

For the Applicant,

  
 Craig A. Fieschko, Reg. No. 39,668  
 DEWITT ROSS & STEVENS, S.C.  
 US Bank Building  
 8000 Excelsior Drive, Suite 401  
 Madison, Wisconsin 53717-1914  
 Telephone: (608) 828-0722  
 Facsimile: (608) 831-2106  
 cf@dewittross.com

01/05/2004 TROBERTS 00000001 182055 09/881499  
 ATTACHMENTS  
 01 FC:1806 180.00 DAPTO-1449

I certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as follows:

2643  
 Group Art Unit

(703) 305-9508  
 Facsimile No.

December 18, 2003  
 Date

  
 Signature

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		<i>Complete if Known</i>			
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>		Application Number	09/881,499		
(Use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	June 14, 2001		
		First Named Inventor	MASON, John W.		
		Group Art Unit	2643		
		Examiner Name	Ni, Suhan		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	34548.103

<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>					
Exam. Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document (MM-DD-YYYY)
		Number	Kind Code (if known)		
		3 811 532		EVERITT, Scott F.	05-21-1974
		3 993 345		CROUP, Robert E.	11-23-1976
		4 891 842		GREEN, Daniel N.	01-02-1990
		5 546 468		BEARD, Michael H.	06-13-1996

<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Exam. Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document (MM-DD-YYYY)
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if known)		
	EP	0 422 322	A3		Oakwood Metal Fabricating Co.	04-17-1991

Examiner Signature		Date Considered
--------------------	--	-----------------

No copy provided.

OFFICIAL



**DEWITT  
ROSS & STEVENS**  
LAW FIRM

## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

To: Examiner Suhan Ni  
Group Art Unit 2643  
Fax No.: (703) 305-9508  
Pages: 3  
Time:  
Date: December 18, 2003

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
DEC 18 2003

**West Madison Office**  
US Bank Financial Centre  
8000 Excelsior Dr., 4th Floor  
Madison, WI 53717  
Fax 608-831-2106  
Tel 608-831-2100

Capitol Square Office  
Two East Mifflin Street  
6th Floor  
Madison, WI 53703  
Fax 608-252-9243  
Tel 608-255-8891

Milwaukee Office  
13935 Bishop's Drive  
3rd Floor  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
Fax 262-754-2845  
Tel 262-754-2840

**RESPOND TO:** Craig Fieschko (*West Madison Office*)

Tel: 608-828-0722 Fax: 608-831-2106 Email: cf@dewittross.com

Regarding Our File: 34548.103

Your File:

**URGENT - Please rush to Examiner Ni**

Examiner Ni:

As per our telephone conversation a few moments ago, here are the references.  
We apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

DeWitt Ross & Stevens S.C.

Craig A. Fieschko

**IMPORTANT - PRIVACY / CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:** This facsimile is intended only for the review and use of the above-noted personnel, and may contain legally privileged and confidential information. Copying and/or dissemination by other than the named personnel is prohibited, and may be penalized under applicable privacy laws. If you received this facsimile in error, or if transmission problems occurred, please notify us at 608/831-2100 (telephone) or 608/831-2106 (fax).